

:010 15.615 Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund

:030 FEDERAL AGENCY: U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

:040 AUTHORIZATION: Endangered Species Act of 1973, 16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq., as amended by Public Law 100-478.

:050 OBJECTIVES: To provide Federal financial assistance to any State, through its appropriate State agency, which has entered into a cooperative agreement to assist in the development of programs for the conservation of endangered and threatened species.

:060 TYPES OF ASSISTANCE: Project Grants.

:070 USES AND USE RESTRICTIONS: The assistance provided to the State fish and wildlife agency for endangered and threatened species, can include animal, plant, and habitat surveys, research, planning, monitoring, management, land acquisition, protection, and public education. Assistance is restricted to those State agencies with which the Fish and Wildlife Service has a current cooperative agreement for the species involved.

:080 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

:081 Applicant Eligibility: Participation limited to State agencies that have a cooperative agreement with the Secretary of the Interior. Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Marianas and the Virgin Islands are also eligible to enter into cooperative agreements.

:082 Beneficiary Eligibility: All States and territories that have entered into a cooperative agreement with the Secretary of the Interior.

:083 Credentials/Documentation: A current cooperative agreement(s) between the Secretary of the Interior and the State Conservation agency(s) concerning endangered and threatened species is necessary. Costs will be determined in accordance with 43 CFR Part 12, Subpart C, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments." Section 12.62 (of the common rule), identifies Federal cost principles for determining allowable costs. Separate agreements for animals and plants are normally made with each State's responsible agency.

:090 APPLICATION AND AWARD PROCESS:

:091 Preapplication Coordination: The standard application forms furnished by the Federal agency and required by 43 CFR Part 12, Subpart C, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments," must be used for this program. This program is eligible for coverage under E. O. 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs." An applicant should consult the office or official designated as the single point of contact in his or her State for more information on the process the State requires to be followed in applying for assistance, if the State has selected the program for review.

:092 Application Procedure: A standard application for Federal assistance is submitted which will cover the entire endangered species plans for one State. Funds are obligated by signature on a project agreement. This program is excluded from coverage under OMB Circular No. A-110.

:093 Award Procedure: Project approval or disapproval is generally made by notification means of a signed application and project agreement.

:094 Deadlines: None.

:095 Range of Approval/Disapproval Time: None specified.

:096 Appeals: Decisions can be appealed to the Fish and Wildlife Service. Final determination rests with the Secretary of the Interior.

:097 Renewals: Renewals can be made through submission and approval of a project agreement.

:100 ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS:

:101 Formula and Matching Requirements: States may receive up to 75 percent of the program costs except when two or more States have a common interest in one or more endangered species and enter into a joint agreement whereupon the Federal share is 90 percent.

:102 Length and Time Phasing of Assistance: Any amount obligated to any State for any fiscal year remaining unused at end of the year is available to that State until the close of the succeeding fiscal year. Any amount obligated to any State that remains unused at the end of the succeeding fiscal year is available to the Service as reverted funds to conduct other section 6 programs.

:110 POST ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS:

:111 Reports: A performance report is required for each project segment within 90 days following the close of the segment.

:112 Audits: In accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular No. A-133 (Revised, June 24, 1997, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, non-federal entities that receive financial assistance of \$300,000 or more in Federal Awards will have a single or a program-specific audit conducted for that year. Non-federal entities that expend less than \$300,000 a year in Federal awards are exempt from Federal audit requirements for that year, except as noted in Circular No. A-133."

:113 Records: Records must be maintained for 3 years following the submission of request for final reimbursement.

:120 FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

:121 Account Identification: 14-5143-0-2-303.

:122 Obligations: (Grants) FY 99 \$13,520,000; FY 00 est \$22,520,000; and FY 01 est \$62,173,000.

:123 Range and Average of Financial Assistance: \$1,000 to \$235,000; \$100,000.

:130 PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS: In fiscal year 1999, the Service provided \$7,520,000 to States for the General Conservation Grants portion of the program. The same amount of funding will be provided to States in FY 2000. For the HCP Land Acquisition portion of the program, the Service received 17 applications and funded 5 projects for \$6 million in FY 1999. In FY 2000, Congress increased the HCP Land Acquisition fund to \$15 million. The Service has received 24 applications to fund State HCP Land Acquisition projects in FY 2000.

:140 REGULATIONS, GUIDELINES, AND LITERATURE: Endangered Species Act, 50 CFR 81, and Program Information in the Federal Aid Manual.

:150 INFORMATION CONTACTS:

:151 Regional or Local Office: See Catalog Appendix IV for addresses.

:152 Headquarters Office: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington DC 20240. Contact: Chief, Division of Endangered Species. Telephone: (703) 358-2171. Use the same number for FTS.

:160 RELATED PROGRAMS: 15.605, Sport Fish Restoration; 15.611, Wildlife

Restoration; 15.618, Administrative Grants for Federal Aid in Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration.

:170 EXAMPLES OF FUNDED PROJECTS: Small-headed pipewort fire management study. Several Black-footed ferret projects including: reintroduction surveys, mapping, captive propagation facility, monitoring and protection. Cowbird control to protect Least Bell's Vireo. Reintroduce the Oregon chub in Oregon. Several Colorado River fish projects including: maintain propagation and genetic stocks at refugia, standardize population monitoring, evaluation of Gunnison River flow manipulation on nursery habitat, surveys. Swift fox surveys. American burying beetle surveys. Western prairie fringed orchid pollination biology. Least tern and piping plover surveys. Ute ladies'-tresses surveys. Dakota buckwheat survey and status report. Blowout penstemon high priority ecology/biology studies. Pallid sturgeon population status studies.

:180 CRITERIA FOR SELECTING PROPOSALS: Projects for grant funding must be submitted by the State fish and wildlife agency. The State must have an approved cooperative agreement with the Secretary of the Interior which provides for sharing responsibilities for endangered species. The project must involve research, protection or management of a State or federally listed endangered species that is in need of protection. Individual projects must compete with other State submissions for funding.

:320 APPLICANTS: 1456;1458;2356;2358

:330 BENEFICIARIES: 14;23

:340 FUNCTIONS: BN;QO

:350 CIRCULARS: EO12372

:500 PUBLIC LAWS: 100*478

:510 STATUTES:

:520 U.S. CODES: *16*1361

:530 MATCHING REQTS: 34

:540 GRANTS: 20981;13520;76520

:550 LOANS: NA;NA;NA

:560 OTHER: NA;NA;NA

:570 DEADLINE DATE:

:600 SUBJECT TERMS:

- Fish and wildlife
 - fish conservation
 - endangered, threatened species
 - fishery research
 - habitat management
 - wildlife research
- Fisheries industry
 - research and development

:700 GOVERNING AUTHORITY:

:701 Public Laws or Acts: Endangered Species Act of 1973, Section 6(h);
Public Law 100-478.

:702 Expiration Dates: The Endangered Species Act itself does not
expire. Funding authority expired on September 30, 1995.

:703 United States Code: Not applicable.

:704 Code of Federal Regulations: Not applicable.

:705 Federal Register: Not applicable.

:706 Administrative Rule: Not applicable.

:707 Other: Not applicable.

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through its appropriate State agency, which has entered into a
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:720 TYPES OF ASSISTANCE: Project Grants.

:730 FORMULA NARRATIVE: States may receive up to 75 percent of the
program costs except when two or more States have a common interest in
one or more endangered species and enter into a joint agreement
whereupon the Federal share is 90 percent.

:740 MATHEMATICAL STRUCTURE: Not applicable.

:750 DEFINITIONS: Not applicable.

:760 DATA SOURCE(S): Not applicable.

:770 COST-SHARING AND/OR MATCHING REQUIREMENTS: Up to 25 percent of the program costs except when two or more States have a common interest in one or more endangered species and enter into a joint agreement whereupon the State share is 10 percent.

:780 MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT REQUIREMENTS: None.

:791 ACCOUNT IDENTIFICATION: 14-5143-0-2-303.

:792 OBLIGATIONS: (Grants) FY 98 \$20,981,000; FY 99 est \$13,520,000; and FY 00 est \$76,520,000.

:800 CONTACT PERSON:

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